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The references submitted herewith have been cited in the examination report for the corresponding Japanese application. This report is dated January 10, 2003, which is less than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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